



Comptroller General  
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

## Decision

**Matter of:** National Medical Staffing, Inc.

**File:** B-259048

**Date:** November 4, 1994

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### DECISION

National Medical Staffing, Inc. protests that it should be permitted to withdraw from a contract it was awarded under request for quotations No. 229-0022-4, issued by the Department of the Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, for a radiologist technologist because it made a mistake in its proposed price.

The contract was awarded to National Medical on October 1, 1994. On October 18, National Medical notified the Federal Bureau of Prisons of an alleged mistake in its price. The instant protest was filed in our Office on October 19.

Our Office considers bid protest challenges to the award or proposed award of contracts. 31 U.S.C. § 3552 (1988). Therefore, we generally do not exercise jurisdiction to review matters of contract administration, as they are within the discretion of the contracting agency and for review by a cognizant board of contract appeals or the Court of Federal Claims. See 4 C.F.R. § 21.3(m)(1) (1993); Specialty Plastics Prods., Inc., B-237545, Feb. 26, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 228. A mistake in bid claim alleged after award by the contractor who received an award is a matter of contract administration because it is a claim "relating to a contract" within the meaning of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, 41 U.S.C. §§ 601-613 (1988), and is therefore not for review by our Office. Milan Excavating Inc., B-247137, Feb. 12, 1992, 92-1 CPD ¶ 181; Alliance Properties, Inc., 64 Comp. Gen. 330 (1985), 85-1 CPD ¶ 286. Since National Medical first alleged its claim for mistake after it was awarded the contract, it must pursue its claim pursuant to the requirements of the Contract Disputes Act.

The protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald Berger".  
Ronald Berger  
Associate General Counsel